

## **AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday, August 11, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Auburn Civic Center, Room 10, Auburn, CA 95603

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Louise Burda Gilbert

**A quorum was declared.** Those present: Aloha Baumgarten, Louise Burda Gilbert, Sue Dings, Lee Buckingham, Mary Beauchamp, Kristin Aplin; Volunteers: Mariko Leonard, Nancy Lange

**Minutes** of July 16, 2009 were accepted.

### **Project Reports: Art in Public Places**

**Streetscape project:** After discussion of the most effective procedures for recommending art works to City Council, Louise reported Bridget asked Bob Richardson to arrange a study session for the City Council and AAC members to attend together. As discussed at the July AAC meeting, this will allow the AAC and City Council members to share goals, time-tables, ideas, progress, etc. in order to have mutual goals and understanding.

**Elks Club wall mural:** Artist, Patrick Shields has completed a portion of his "Spirit of the Horse" mural on canvas for the Elks Club wall. Bernie Schroeder will be the artist's liaison for the City now, since the original contact person is no longer employed by the City. There is some brush that needs to be removed from the site before the mural can be installed.

**Dancing Dog mural:** Louise reported that the artist Gary Graham is still willing to paint his mural on the Dancing Dog wall if a mutually acceptable time can be arranged. This mural which has been recommended by the Arts Commission needs the approval of City Council before it can be installed.

**Art Walk Music:** Sue announced the musical groups for Thursday's August Art Walk are: *Jazz Gitan* [Gypsy Jazz] playing on the Promenade Porch, *Vining Cottage Duo* [a volunteer folk group] at Depoe Bay, *Samba Louco* [Brazilian drummers] parading through Auburn, starting in Old Town at 6:45. New Arts Commissioner, Mary Beauchamp will participate with the Samba Louco band. Also, from 7:30 to 8:30, Kene's Karaoke will convene Karaoke fans in the center of Old Town.

**City Hall Gallery:** Mariko Leonard, the AAC Volunteer Gallery Coordinator reported the current gallery art works are by local youth, gathered by Hannah Peterson, chair of Auburn's Youth Commission. Louise asked Lee and Aloha, as Commissioners, to assist Mariko in vetting art works to be shown in the Gallery. Louise will confer with Rosie about the required forms needed by Placer Arts for the Art Walk.

**Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center:** The first live drama/musical at the State Theatre was enjoyed by a sold out audience. Aloha and Sue attended the premiere performance and highly recommended the show. Produced by Placer Community Theater, there are nine performances, ending on August 22.

**School Park Preserve:** Sue announced "*Auburn Celebrates Symphony in the Park-A Tradition Reborn at the Historic Auburn School Park Preserve to Rekindle Celebrated Past with Free Concert*". This event, sponsored by the business community is on Saturday, Sept. 19, with the Symphony playing at 5 p.m.

**Guide to Public Art Brochure:** Kirsten will coordinate with Marti to restock Public Art Brochures throughout Auburn. Mary B. will investigate the idea of making an insert in the Guides to include other art venues.

**Old Business:** Notebooks were distributed to new Commissioners, with contents assembled by Aloha, Lee and Sue.

**Public Comment:** Potato Richardson dropped in to say he would like to see a sculpture of Wendell Robie in Central Square. If approved, he would try to raise funds to implement such a sculpture. He projected it would cost \$80,000.

### **Future Agenda Items: Study Session with City Council**

**Meeting adjourned:** at 10 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Dings, Secretary

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. Room 10**

